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JEWS AS WRITERS ACCUSED
OF COSMOPOLITANISM

KHABAROVSK, JEWISH AO WRITERS ACCUSED -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 90, 17
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A city-wide conference of Khabarovsk intelligentsia was held recently to discuss the drive against cosmopolitanism. The critic Aluf was censured for his erroneous reviews of literature of the Far East. The newspaper Birobidzhanskaya zvezda, published in the Jewish Autonomous Oblast, has carried several articles by local authors who have shown cosmopolitan and nationalistic tendencies. Such errors are particularly evident in articles by Rabinov, who tries to separate the creative power and development of Jewish writers from the favorable influence of Russian classical and Soviet literature. He is a follower and admirer of the Jewish writer Der-Nister, a bourgeois, nationalistic cosmopolitan. Nationalistic tendencies have also been noted in critical reviews, published in the newspapers Birobidzhanskaya zvezda and Birobidzhaner Stern, by Miller, Slutskiy, Polrushin, and Shimenko. P. Idov, journalist with the newspaper Tikhookeanskaya zvezda, was criticized for his favorable review of the operetta Princessa dylarov (The Pollar Princess) and his unfavorable review of the play Zakon chesti (Law of Honor).

Far Eastern artists Shkrab and Tsimerinov were criticized for aestheticism in their art work. Shebertsov, director of the Kray Administration of Motion Picture Distribution, and Malev, director of "Glavkinoprokat" (Main Administration of Motion Picture Releases), were criticized for permitting showings of foreign films. Candidate in Philological Sciences Dombrovskiy, head of the chair of literature at the Khabarovsk Pedagogical Institute, and Candidate in Philosophical Sciences Fisher, head of the chair of Marxism-Leninism at the Institute, have been guilty of ideological errors in their teaching. Professors and students of the Khabarovsk Medical Institute have been guilty of adhering to foreign ideas and of ideological deviations.

Among those who admitted their errors at the conference were Syrtsov, director of the pedagogical institute; Rogal', responsible secretary of the Khabarovsk division of the Union of Soviet Writers; Il'inskiy, responsible editor of Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, and Dombrovskiy and Fisher. Critic Aluf's speech did not satisfy the conference and indicated that he did not realize the seriousness of the errors with which he is charged.

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JEWISH AG MEETING ON COSMOPOLITANISM -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 97, 26 Apr '49

Intelligentsia of the city of Birobidzhan, Jewish Autonomous Oblast, recently held a conference on the drive against cosmopolitanism. Brokhin, secretary of the Oblast Party Committee, gave the main report which cited specific writers and works which had been guilty of spreading false ideology throughout the oblast. Among those cited were G. Rabinkov, I. Dobrushin, D. Bergel'son, Slutskiy, all of whom had supported foreign nationalistic views and had emphasized Jewish literature instead of Soviet literature. B. Miller, in his story Birobidzhan, was guilty of serious errors when he attempted to single out Birobidzhan from the rest of the country and pictured it as the one promised land for Soviet Jews.

Mal'tinskiy, editor of the almanac Birobidzhan, admitted to the conference his error in publishing certain articles by Dobrushin, but did not satisfy the conference as to the condition of criticism in the almanac. Speeches by Rabinkov and Miller also failed to satisfy the conference, since they did not admit their mistakes, but rather tried to excuse them.

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